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REMARKS

Applicants' undersigned attorney would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the telephone interview on 11 August 2003. The rejection of Claims 45-111 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph was discussed. The rejection is premised on insufficient antecedent basis for the term "said amount of water" in independent Claims 45, 62 and 102.

On behalf of Applicants, the undersigned traversed the rejection because each of the independent claims recites "a water absorption of 10.5 grams per gram flowable absorbent material." Applicants believe that this phrase provides a sufficient antecedent basis for the subsequent phrase "absorbs said amount of water" which previously appeared in each independent claim.

The Examiner indicated that the phrase "said amount of water" was not explicitly supported in the preceding phrase. Accordingly, Applicants have amended Claims 45, 62 and 102 to delete the words "amount of." In effect, the phrase "said amount of water" has been replaced with "said water" in each claim. The phrase "said water" has an explicit antecedent basis in Claims 45, 62 and 102.

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Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner detects any unresolved issues, then Applicants' attorney respectfully requests a telephone call from the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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